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10 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

11 FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

12 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

13 Plaintiff,

14 v.

15 JACOB WOLFGANG GONZALEZ, et al.,

16 Defendants.

No. CR 23-427-GW-3

PLEA AGREEMENT FOR DEFENDANT  
JOSHUA NATHAN BEDARD

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18 1. This constitutes the plea agreement between JOSHUA NATHAN  
19 BEDARD ("defendant") and the United States Attorney's Office for the  
20 Central District of California (the "USAO") in the above-captioned  
21 case. This agreement is limited to the USAO and cannot bind any  
22 other federal, state, local, or foreign prosecuting, enforcement,  
23 administrative, or regulatory authorities.

24 DEFENDANT'S OBLIGATIONS

25 2. Defendant agrees to:

26 a. At the earliest opportunity requested by the USAO and  
27 provided by the Court, appear and plead guilty to counts one and six  
28 of the indictment in United States v. Jacob Wolfgang Gonzalez, et

1 al., CR No. 23-427-GW-3, which charge defendant with conspiracy to  
2 engage in the business of dealing firearms without a license, in  
3 violation of 18 U.S.C. § 371 (count one), and trafficking in  
4 firearms, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 933(a)(1) (count six).

5 b. Not contest facts agreed to in this agreement.

6 c. Abide by all agreements regarding sentencing contained  
7 in this agreement.

8 d. Appear for all court appearances, surrender as ordered  
9 for service of sentence, obey all conditions of any bond, and obey  
10 any other ongoing court order in this matter.

11 e. Not commit any crime; however, offenses that would be  
12 excluded for sentencing purposes under United States Sentencing  
13 Guidelines ("U.S.S.G." or "Sentencing Guidelines") § 4A1.2(c) are not  
14 within the scope of this agreement.

15 f. Be truthful at all times with the United States  
16 Probation and Pretrial Services Office and the Court.

17 g. Pay the applicable special assessments at or before  
18 the time of sentencing unless defendant has demonstrated a lack of  
19 ability to pay such assessments.

20 THE USAO'S OBLIGATIONS

21 3. The USAO agrees to:

22 a. Not contest facts agreed to in this agreement.

23 b. Abide by all agreements regarding sentencing contained  
24 in this agreement.

25 c. At the time of sentencing, move to dismiss the  
26 remaining counts of the indictment as against defendant. Defendant  
27 agrees, however, that at the time of sentencing the Court may  
28 consider any dismissed charges in determining the applicable

1 Sentencing Guidelines range, the propriety and extent of any  
2 departure from that range, and the sentence to be imposed.

3 d. At the time of sentencing, provided that defendant  
4 demonstrates an acceptance of responsibility for the offenses up to  
5 and including the time of sentencing, recommend a two-level reduction  
6 in the applicable Sentencing Guidelines offense level, pursuant to  
7 U.S.S.G. § 3E1.1, and recommend and, if necessary, move for an  
8 additional one-level reduction if available under that section.

9 e. Recommend that defendant be sentenced to a term of  
10 imprisonment no higher than the low end of the applicable Sentencing  
11 Guidelines range, provided that the offense level used by the Court  
12 to determine that range is 15 or higher and provided that the Court  
13 does not depart downward in offense level or criminal history  
14 category. For purposes of this agreement, the low end of the  
15 Sentencing Guidelines range is that defined by the Sentencing Table  
16 in U.S.S.G. Chapter 5, Part A.

17 NATURE OF THE OFFENSES

18 4. Defendant understands that for defendant to be guilty of  
19 the crime charged in count one, that is, conspiracy to engage in the  
20 business of dealing in firearms without a license, in violation of 18  
21 U.S.C. § 371, the following must be true: (1) there was an agreement  
22 between two or more persons to engage in the business of dealing in  
23 firearms without a license, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 922(a)(1)(A);  
24 (2) defendant became a member of the conspiracy knowing of its object  
25 and intending to help accomplish it; and (3) one of the members of  
26 the conspiracy performed at least one overt act for the purpose of  
27 carrying out the conspiracy.

5. Defendant understands that for a person to be guilty of the crime of engaging in the business of dealing in firearms without a license, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 922(a)(1)(A), the following must be true: (1) the person was willfully engaged in the business of dealing in firearms; and (2) the person did not then have a license as a firearms dealer.

6. Defendant understands that for defendant to be guilty of the crime charged in count six, that is, trafficking in firearms, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 933(a)(1), the following must be true: (1) defendant knowingly shipped, transported, transferred, caused to be transported, or disposed of a firearm to another person; (2) the shipping, transporting, transferring, causing to be transported, or disposition of the firearm was in or otherwise affecting interstate commerce; and (3) defendant knew or had reasonable cause to believe that the use, carrying, or possession of the firearm by the other person/recipient would constitute a felony.

## PENALTIES

7. Defendant understands that the statutory maximum sentence that the Court can impose for a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 371, is: 5 years' imprisonment; a 3-year period of supervised release; a fine of \$250,000 or twice the gross gain or gross loss resulting from the offense, whichever is greatest; and a mandatory special assessment of \$100.

8. Defendant understands that the statutory maximum sentence that the Court can impose for a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 933(a)(1), is: 15 years' imprisonment; a 3-year period of supervised release; a fine of \$250,000 or twice the gross gain or gross loss resulting from

1 the offense, whichever is greatest; and a mandatory special  
2 assessment of \$100.

3 9. Defendant understands, therefore, that the total maximum  
4 sentence for all offenses to which defendant is pleading guilty is:  
5 20 years' imprisonment; a 3-year period of supervised release; a fine  
6 of \$500,000 or twice the gross gain or gross loss resulting from the  
7 offenses, whichever is greatest; and a mandatory special assessment  
8 of \$200.

9 10. Defendant understands that supervised release is a period  
10 of time following imprisonment during which defendant will be subject  
11 to various restrictions and requirements. Defendant understands that  
12 if defendant violates one or more of the conditions of any supervised  
13 release imposed, defendant may be returned to prison for all or part  
14 of the term of supervised release authorized by statute for the  
15 offense that resulted in the term of supervised release, which could  
16 result in defendant serving a total term of imprisonment greater than  
17 the statutory maximum stated above.

18 11. Defendant understands that, by pleading guilty, defendant  
19 may be giving up valuable government benefits and valuable civic  
20 rights, such as the right to vote, the right to possess a firearm,  
21 the right to hold office, and the right to serve on a jury.  
22 Defendant understands that he is pleading guilty to a felony and that  
23 it is a federal crime for a convicted felon to possess a firearm or  
24 ammunition. Defendant understands that the convictions in this case  
25 may also subject defendant to various other collateral consequences,  
26 including but not limited to revocation of probation, parole, or  
27 supervised release in another case and suspension or revocation of a  
28 professional license. Defendant understands that unanticipated

1 collateral consequences will not serve as grounds to withdraw  
2 defendant's guilty pleas.

3 12. Defendant and his counsel have discussed the fact that, and  
4 defendant understands that, if defendant is not a United States  
5 citizen, the convictions in this case make it practically inevitable  
6 and a virtual certainty that defendant will be removed or deported  
7 from the United States. Defendant may also be denied United States  
8 citizenship and admission to the United States in the future.  
9 Defendant understands that while there may be arguments that  
10 defendant can raise in immigration proceedings to avoid or delay  
11 removal, removal is presumptively mandatory and a virtual certainty  
12 in this case. Defendant further understands that removal and  
13 immigration consequences are the subject of a separate proceeding and  
14 that no one, including his attorney or the Court, can predict to an  
15 absolute certainty the effect of his convictions on his immigration  
16 status. Defendant nevertheless affirms that he wants to plead guilty  
17 regardless of any immigration consequences that his plea may entail,  
18 even if the consequence is automatic removal from the United States.

19 FACTUAL BASIS

20 13. Defendant admits that defendant is, in fact, guilty of the  
21 offenses to which defendant is agreeing to plead guilty. Defendant  
22 and the USAO agree to the statement of facts provided below and agree  
23 that this statement of facts is sufficient to support pleas of guilty  
24 to the charges described in this agreement and to establish the  
25 Sentencing Guidelines factors set forth in paragraph 15 below but is  
26 not meant to be a complete recitation of all facts relevant to the  
27 underlying criminal conduct or all facts known to either party that  
28 relate to that conduct.

1 Beginning no later than November 11, 2022, and continuing until  
2 at least August 15, 2023, in Santa Barbara County, defendant  
3 knowingly and intentionally conspired and agreed with a co-  
4 conspirator ("Co-Conspirator 1") to engage in the business of dealing  
5 in firearms without a license. Defendant became a member of this  
6 conspiracy knowing of this object and intending to help accomplish  
7 it. During the conspiracy, neither defendant nor his co-conspirators  
8 possessed a license to import, manufacture, or deal in firearms.

9 In furtherance of the conspiracy, defendant willfully supplied  
10 firearms to Co-Conspirator 1. Co-Conspirator 1 then sold these  
11 firearms to individuals Co-Conspirator 1 believed were buyers of  
12 firearms, but who were, in fact, a confidential informant ("CI") and  
13 undercover law enforcement agent ("UC") working at the direction of  
14 or for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives  
15 ("ATF"). Defendant also transported firearms, magazines, and  
16 ammunition from Arizona to California, where defendant provided these  
17 items to Co-Conspirator 1 so that Co-Conspirator 1 could sell them to  
18 other individuals in California.

19 Also in furtherance of the conspiracy, defendant committed the  
20 following specific acts, among others:

21 **November 21, 2022, Sale: AM Pistol**

22 a. On November 11, 2022, defendant offered to sell an AR-  
23 style pistol to Co-Conspirator 1. Specifically, the pistol was an  
24 Anderson Manufacturing, model AM-15, 7.62x39mm caliber AR-style  
25 pistol, bearing serial number 20091863 (the "AM Pistol"). Defendant  
26 admits that the AM Pistol was an assault weapon as defined by  
27 California Penal Code § 30515(a)(4), and that it was a felony  
28 punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year to possess

1 an assault weapon, such as the AM Pistol, under California Penal Code  
2 § 30605.

3 b. On November 14, 2022, defendant, who at the time  
4 resided in Arizona, told Co-Conspirator 1 that defendant would bring  
5 the AM Pistol to California the following weekend. Defendant knew it  
6 was a felony for him to transport the AM Pistol from Arizona to  
7 California.

8 c. On November 21, 2022, defendant met Co-Conspirator 1  
9 at Co-Conspirator 1's residence in Santa Maria, California. During  
10 the meeting, defendant sold Co-Conspirator 1 the AM Pistol; two 30-  
11 round capacity, 7.62x39mm caliber magazines; assorted 7.62x39mm  
12 caliber ammunition; a Hawk Industries, Inc., model H&R Pardner Pump,  
13 12 gauge shotgun, bearing serial number HW501673; and assorted 12  
14 gauge ammunition. Defendant knew that under California Penal Code  
15 § 30605, it was a felony punishable by imprisonment for a term  
16 exceeding one year for Co-Conspirator 1 to possess the AM Pistol,  
17 since the AM Pistol was an assault weapon under California Penal Code  
18 § 30515(a)(4).

19 **January 9, 2023, Sale**

20 d. Between December 19, 2022, and December 29, 2022,  
21 defendant offered to sell Co-Conspirator 1 various firearms,  
22 including a black Ruger, model PC Charger, 9mm caliber pistol,  
23 bearing serial number 913-41316 (the "PC Charger").

24 e. On January 9, 2023, defendant knowingly and  
25 intentionally sold Co-Conspirator 1 the PC Charger, which Co-  
26 Conspirator 1 then sold to the CI. At the time, defendant knew that  
27 Co-Conspirator 1 sold to the CI the PC Charger that defendant had  
28 sold to Co-Conspirator 1 moments earlier.



1 **March 2023 Sale**

2 f. On March 21, 2023, defendant offered to sell a Ruger,  
3 model LCP, .380 caliber pistol with an obliterated serial number (the  
4 "380 Auto").

5 g. On or about March 21, 2023, or March 22, 2023,  
6 defendant sold the 380 Auto to Co-Conspirator 1 in Santa Barbara  
7 County, California.

8 **SENTENCING FACTORS**

9 14. Defendant understands that in determining defendant's  
10 sentence the Court is required to calculate the applicable Sentencing  
11 Guidelines range and to consider that range, possible departures  
12 under the Sentencing Guidelines, and the other sentencing factors set  
13 forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a). Defendant understands that the  
14 Sentencing Guidelines are advisory only, that defendant cannot have  
15 any expectation of receiving a sentence within the calculated  
16 Sentencing Guidelines range, and that after considering the  
17 Sentencing Guidelines and the other § 3553(a) factors, the Court will  
18 be free to exercise its discretion to impose any sentence it finds  
19 appropriate up to the maximum set by statute for the crimes of  
20 conviction.

21 15. Defendant and the USAO agree to the following applicable  
22 Sentencing Guidelines factors:

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26 Base Offense Level: 12 U.S.S.G. § 2K2.1(a) (7)

27 Number of Firearms +2 U.S.S.G. § 2K2.1(b) (1) (A)

1 Obliterated Serial Number +4 U.S.S.G. § 2K2.1(b) (4) (B)  
2 Defendant and the USAO reserve the right to argue that  
3 additional specific offense characteristics, adjustments, and  
4 departures under the Sentencing Guidelines are appropriate. The  
5 base offense level set forth above is based on information  
6 currently known to the government regarding defendant's criminal  
7 history. Defendant understands and agrees that defendant's base  
8 offense level could be increased if defendant has additional  
9 prior convictions for either a crime of violence or a controlled  
10 substance offense under U.S.S.G. § 2K2.1. If defendant's base  
11 offense level is so altered, defendant and the USAO will not be  
12 bound by the base offense level agreed to above.

13 16. Defendant understands that there is no agreement as to  
14 defendant's criminal history or criminal history category.

15 17. Defendant and the USAO reserve the right to argue for a  
16 sentence outside the sentencing range established by the Sentencing  
17 Guidelines based on the factors set forth in 18 U.S.C. §§ 3553(a) (1),  
18 (a) (2), (a) (3), (a) (6), and (a) (7).

19 WAIVER OF CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

20 18. Defendant understands that by pleading guilty, defendant  
21 gives up the following rights:

- 22 a. The right to persist in a plea of not guilty.
- 23 b. The right to a speedy and public trial by jury.
- 24 c. The right to be represented by counsel -- and if  
25 necessary have the Court appoint counsel -- at trial. Defendant  
26 understands, however, that, defendant retains the right to be  
27 represented by counsel -- and if necessary have the Court appoint  
28 counsel -- at every other stage of the proceeding.

1           d.    The right to be presumed innocent and to have the  
2 burden of proof placed on the government to prove defendant guilty  
3 beyond a reasonable doubt.

4           e.    The right to confront and cross-examine witnesses  
5 against defendant.

6           f.    The right to testify and to present evidence in  
7 opposition to the charges, including the right to compel the  
8 attendance of witnesses to testify.

9           g.    The right not to be compelled to testify, and, if  
10 defendant chose not to testify or present evidence, to have that  
11 choice not be used against defendant.

12           h.    Any and all rights to pursue any affirmative defenses,  
13 Fourth Amendment or Fifth Amendment claims, and other pretrial  
14 motions that have been filed or could be filed.

15                   WAIVER OF APPEAL OF CONVICTION

16           19. Defendant understands that, with the exception of an appeal  
17 based on a claim that defendant's guilty pleas were involuntary, by  
18 pleading guilty defendant is waiving and giving up any right to  
19 appeal defendant's convictions on the offenses to which defendant is  
20 pleading guilty. Defendant understands that this waiver includes,  
21 but is not limited to, arguments that the statutes to which defendant  
22 is pleading guilty are unconstitutional, and any and all claims that  
23 the statement of facts provided herein is insufficient to support  
24 defendant's pleas of guilty.

25                   LIMITED MUTUAL WAIVER OF APPEAL OF SENTENCE

26           20. Defendant agrees that, provided the Court imposes a term of  
27 imprisonment within or below the range corresponding to an offense  
28 level of 19 and the criminal history category calculated by the

1 Court, defendant gives up the right to appeal all of the following:  
2 (a) the procedures and calculations used to determine and impose any  
3 portion of the sentence; (b) the term of imprisonment imposed by the  
4 Court; (c) the fine imposed by the Court, provided it is within the  
5 statutory maximum; (d) to the extent permitted by law, the  
6 constitutionality or legality of defendant's sentence, provided it is  
7 within the statutory maximum; (e) the term of probation or supervised  
8 release imposed by the Court, provided it is within the statutory  
9 maximum; and (f) any of the following conditions of probation or  
10 supervised release imposed by the Court: the conditions set forth in  
11 Second Amended General Order 20-04 of this Court; the drug testing  
12 conditions mandated by 18 U.S.C. §§ 3563(a)(5) and 3583(d); and the  
13 alcohol and drug use conditions authorized by 18 U.S.C. § 3563(b)(7).

14 21. The USAO agrees that, provided (a) all portions of the  
15 sentence are at or below the statutory maximum specified above and  
16 (b) the Court imposes a term of imprisonment within or above the  
17 range corresponding to an offense level of 15 and the criminal  
18 history category calculated by the Court, the USAO gives up its right  
19 to appeal any portion of the sentence.

20 WAIVER OF COLLATERAL ATTACK

21 22. Defendant also gives up any right to bring a post-  
22 conviction collateral attack on the convictions or sentence, except a  
23 post-conviction collateral attack based on a claim of ineffective  
24 assistance of counsel, a claim of newly discovered evidence, or an  
25 explicitly retroactive change in the applicable Sentencing  
26 Guidelines, sentencing statutes, or statutes of conviction.  
27 Defendant understands that this waiver includes, but is not limited  
28 to, arguments that the statutes to which defendant is pleading guilty

1 are unconstitutional, and any and all claims that the statement of  
2 facts provided herein is insufficient to support defendant's pleas of  
3 guilty.

4 RESULT OF WITHDRAWAL OF GUILTY PLEA

5 23. Defendant agrees that if, after entering guilty pleas  
6 pursuant to this agreement, defendant seeks to withdraw and succeeds  
7 in withdrawing defendant's guilty pleas on any basis other than a  
8 claim and finding that entry into this plea agreement was  
9 involuntary, then (a) the USAO will be relieved of all of its  
10 obligations under this agreement; and (b) should the USAO choose to  
11 pursue any charge that was either dismissed or not filed as a result  
12 of this agreement, then (i) any applicable statute of limitations  
13 will be tolled between the date of defendant's signing of this  
14 agreement and the filing commencing any such action; and  
15 (ii) defendant waives and gives up all defenses based on the statute  
16 of limitations, any claim of pre-indictment delay, or any speedy  
17 trial claim with respect to any such action, except to the extent  
18 that such defenses existed as of the date of defendant's signing this  
19 agreement.

20 RESULT OF VACATUR, REVERSAL OR SET-ASIDE

21 24. Defendant agrees that if any count of conviction is  
22 vacated, reversed, or set aside, the USAO may: (a) ask the Court to  
23 resentence defendant on any remaining count of conviction, with both  
24 the USAO and defendant being released from any stipulations regarding  
25 sentencing contained in this agreement, (b) ask the Court to void the  
26 entire plea agreement and vacate defendant's guilty plea on any  
27 remaining count of conviction, with both the USAO and defendant being  
28 released from all their obligations under this agreement, or

1 (c) leave defendant's remaining conviction, sentence, and plea  
2 agreement intact. Defendant agrees that the choice among these three  
3 options rests in the exclusive discretion of the USAO.

4 EFFECTIVE DATE OF AGREEMENT

5 25. This agreement is effective upon signature and execution of  
6 all required certifications by defendant, defendant's counsel, and an  
7 Assistant United States Attorney.

8 BREACH OF AGREEMENT

9 26. Defendant agrees that if defendant, at any time after the  
10 signature of this agreement and execution of all required  
11 certifications by defendant, defendant's counsel, and an Assistant  
12 United States Attorney, knowingly violates or fails to perform any of  
13 defendant's obligations under this agreement ("a breach"), the USAO  
14 may declare this agreement breached. All of defendant's obligations  
15 are material, a single breach of this agreement is sufficient for the  
16 USAO to declare a breach, and defendant shall not be deemed to have  
17 cured a breach without the express agreement of the USAO in writing.  
18 If the USAO declares this agreement breached, and the Court finds  
19 such a breach to have occurred, then: (a) if defendant has previously  
20 entered guilty pleas pursuant to this agreement, defendant will not  
21 be able to withdraw the guilty pleas, and (b) the USAO will be  
22 relieved of all its obligations under this agreement.

23 27. Following the Court's finding of a knowing breach of this  
24 agreement by defendant, should the USAO choose to pursue any charge  
25 that was either dismissed or not filed as a result of this agreement,  
26 then:  
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1           a. Defendant agrees that any applicable statute of  
2 limitations is tolled between the date of defendant's signing of this  
3 agreement and the filing commencing any such action.

4           b. Defendant waives and gives up all defenses based on  
5 the statute of limitations, any claim of pre-indictment delay, or any  
6 speedy trial claim with respect to any such action, except to the  
7 extent that such defenses existed as of the date of defendant's  
8 signing this agreement.

9           c. Defendant agrees that: (i) any statements made by  
10 defendant, under oath, at the guilty plea hearing (if such a hearing  
11 occurred prior to the breach); (ii) the agreed to factual basis  
12 statement in this agreement; and (iii) any evidence derived from such  
13 statements, shall be admissible against defendant in any such action  
14 against defendant, and defendant waives and gives up any claim under  
15 the United States Constitution, any statute, Rule 410 of the Federal  
16 Rules of Evidence, Rule 11(f) of the Federal Rules of Criminal  
17 Procedure, or any other federal rule, that the statements or any  
18 evidence derived from the statements should be suppressed or are  
19 inadmissible.

20           COURT AND UNITED STATES PROBATION AND PRETRIAL SERVICES

21                   OFFICE NOT PARTIES

22           28. Defendant understands that the Court and the United States  
23 Probation and Pretrial Services Office are not parties to this  
24 agreement and need not accept any of the USAO's sentencing  
25 recommendations or the parties' agreements to facts or sentencing  
26 factors.

27           29. Defendant understands that both defendant and the USAO are  
28 free to: (a) supplement the facts by supplying relevant information

1 to the United States Probation and Pretrial Services Office and the  
2 Court, (b) correct any and all factual misstatements relating to the  
3 Court's Sentencing Guidelines calculations and determination of  
4 sentence, and (c) argue on appeal and collateral review that the  
5 Court's Sentencing Guidelines calculations and the sentence it  
6 chooses to impose are not error, although each party agrees to  
7 maintain its view that the calculations in paragraph 15 are  
8 consistent with the facts of this case. While this paragraph permits  
9 both the USAO and defendant to submit full and complete factual  
10 information to the United States Probation and Pretrial Services  
11 Office and the Court, even if that factual information may be viewed  
12 as inconsistent with the facts agreed to in this agreement, this  
13 paragraph does not affect defendant's and the USAO's obligations not  
14 to contest the facts agreed to in this agreement.

15 30. Defendant understands that even if the Court ignores any  
16 sentencing recommendation, finds facts or reaches conclusions  
17 different from those agreed to, and/or imposes any sentence up to the  
18 maximum established by statute, defendant cannot, for that reason,  
19 withdraw defendant's guilty pleas, and defendant will remain bound to  
20 fulfill all defendant's obligations under this agreement. Defendant  
21 understands that no one -- not the prosecutor, defendant's attorney,  
22 or the Court -- can make a binding prediction or promise regarding  
23 the sentence defendant will receive, except that it will be within  
24 the statutory maximum.

25 NO ADDITIONAL AGREEMENTS

26 31. Defendant understands that, except as set forth herein,  
27 there are no promises, understandings, or agreements between the USAO  
28 and defendant or defendant's attorney, and that no additional



promise, understanding, or agreement may be entered into unless in a writing signed by all parties or on the record in court.


PLEA AGREEMENT PART OF THE GUILTY PLEA HEARING

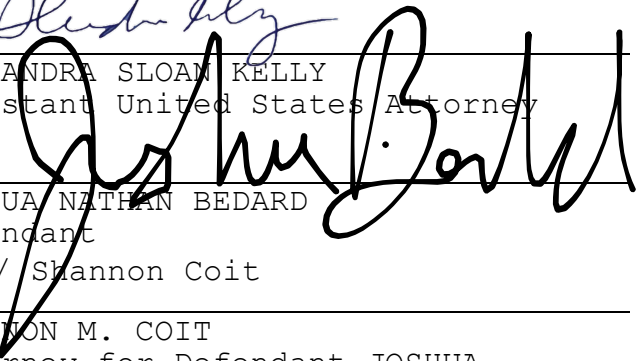
32. The parties agree that this agreement will be considered part of the record of defendant's guilty plea hearing as if the entire agreement had been read into the record of the proceeding.

AGREED AND ACCEPTED

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE  
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NATHAN BEDARD

09/25/2024

Date

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CERTIFICATION OF DEFENDANT

I have read this agreement in its entirety. I have had enough time to review and consider this agreement, and I have carefully and thoroughly discussed every part of it with my attorney. I understand

the terms of this agreement, and I voluntarily agree to those terms. I have discussed the evidence with my attorney, and my attorney has advised me of my rights, of possible pretrial motions that might be filed, of possible defenses that might be asserted either prior to or at trial, of the sentencing factors set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a), of relevant Sentencing Guidelines provisions, and of the consequences of entering into this agreement. No promises, inducements, or representations of any kind have been made to me other than those contained in this agreement. No one has threatened or forced me in any way to enter into this agreement. I am satisfied with the representation of my attorney in this matter, and I am pleading guilty because I am guilty of the charges and wish to take advantage of the promises set forth in this agreement, and not for any other reason.

  
JOSHUA NATHAN BEDARD  
Defendant

  
Date

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CERTIFICATION OF DEFENDANT'S ATTORNEY

I am JOSHUA NATHAN BEDARD's attorney. I have carefully and thoroughly discussed every part of this agreement with my client. Further, I have fully advised my client of his rights, of possible

pretrial motions that might be filed, of possible defenses that might be asserted either prior to or at trial, of the sentencing factors set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a), of relevant Sentencing Guidelines provisions, and of the consequences of entering into this agreement. To my knowledge: no promises, inducements, or representations of any kind have been made to my client other than those contained in this agreement; no one has threatened or forced my client in any way to enter into this agreement; my client's decision to enter into this agreement is an informed and voluntary one; and the factual basis set forth in this agreement is sufficient to support my client's entry of guilty pleas pursuant to this agreement.

/s/ Shannon Coit

9/25/2024

SHANNON M. COIT  
Attorney for Defendant JOSHUA  
NATHAN BEDARD

Date